

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert prior to the section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings" the following heading and paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A technique for providing computer security is disclosed. In some embodiments, it is determined whether an executable meets certain criteria. If it is determined that a criterion is met, a risk level is associated with the criterion. In some embodiments, a risk profile can be derived based on the determination. The risk profile indicates one or more risk properties associated with the executable in some embodiments; it may include a risk level, a risk type, etc. In some embodiments, it is also determined whether a process associated with the executable meets certain predetermined criteria and the results of the determination are used to update the risk profile. In some embodiments, the risk profile is updated based on historical evidence analysis of records such as logs, crash dump files, prefetch files, swap files, etc. Security protection is provided using the risk profile.--